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**Order 2000-12-1
December 1, 2000**



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 1st day of December 2000

In the matter of

Aero Continente Chile
LADECO, S.A.
Lan Chile
Air New Zealand
Ansett New Zealand
Singapore Airlines
Royal Brunei Airlines

Foreign air carrier permits and exemptions
Under 49 U.S.C. 41301 and 40109

Docket OST-2000-8393

ORDER

On November 24, 2000, the Department issued Show Cause Order 2000 11-25 that directed objections to it by interested parties to be filed with the Department no later than seven (7) calendar days after the date of service.

On November 29, 2000, Singapore Airlines Limited, Air New Zealand, and LAN Chile ("Carriers") filed a motion with the Department requesting an extension of the deadline for filing objections to the Order.¹ The Carriers stated that they needed more time in order to communicate with their home offices and governments. The Carriers asked that the comment date be extended until December 15. United filed an answer to the motion on November 30, 2000. United urges the Department to grant the requested extension and allow three working days for answers to objections.

¹ Under the Department's regulations, answers to the Carriers' request would not be due until seven business days after its filing, *i.e.* December 8, 2000. As that would be after the current deadline for filing comments on the show cause order, December 1, 2000, we have decided to act on the Carriers' request without awaiting expiration of the period for answers.

While the Department recognizes that communications with Carriers corporate home offices and home governments may be difficult, the Department nevertheless believes it is in the public interest to move forward expeditiously with the proceeding initiated in the Order. On balance, we have decided that a seven-day extension will accommodate the Carriers' needs for additional time, without unnecessarily delaying the conduct of the proceeding. Accordingly the Department hereby extends the deadline for filing objections to the order to December 8, 2000, with reply comments due December 14.² Service in this proceeding is authorized by facsimile.³

ACCORDINGLY,

1. Any interested person objecting to the issuance of an order making final our tentative findings and conclusions in Order 2000 11-25 shall, no latter than December 8, 2000, file with the Department and serve on the persons named and referred to in ordering paragraph 4 below, a statement of objections;
2. Answers shall be due on December 14, 2000;
3. We grant, in part, and deny, in part, the Motion of Singapore Airlines Limited, Air New Zealand, and LAN Chile for an Extension of Time, as indicated above;
4. We will serve a copy of this order on United Airlines, the foreign air carriers listed in the Appendix to this order; the embassies of the homelands of these carriers in Washington, D.C. and the Department of State.

By:

Francisco Sanchez
Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs

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² This time frame will also accommodate the desire of United for at least three working days to file an answer to any objections

³ The original filing should be on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper using dark ink and be unbound without tabs, which will expedite use of our docket imaging system. In the alternative, filers are encouraged to use the electronic submission capability through the Dockets DMS Internet site (<http://dms.dot.gov>) by following the instructions at the web site. For the convenience of the parties, service by facsimile is authorized. Parties should include their fax numbers on their submissions and should indicate the method of service on their certificates of services.

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